

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A metal cord comprising at least two metal strands, said metal strands comprising twisted metal filaments, wherein at least one of said strands comprises a weld part wherein said strand is interrupted and welded together, wherein the elongation at rupture of said strand at said weld part is at least 30% of the elongation at rupture of said strand away from said weld part characterized in that at least one strand is welded, said welded strand having an elongation at rupture of more than 30% of the elongation at rupture of an identical strand without weld.
2. (Currently Amended) A metal cord as in claim 1, wherein the force of rupture of said strand at said weld part is more than 30% of the force at rupture of said strand away from said weld part said welded strand having a force at rupture of more than 30% of the force at rupture of an identical strand without weld.
3. (Currently Amended) A metal cord as in claim 1, wherein the diameter at the weld part of said welded strand is less than 1.2 times the optical strand diameter of said welded strand away from said weld part.
4. (Previously Presented) A metal cord as in claim 1, wherein for each radial cross-section of said metal cord, at least one of said metal strands is not welded.
5. (Previously Presented) A metal cord as in claim 1, wherein for each radial cross-section of said metal cord, only one metal strand is welded.
6. (Currently Amended) A metal cord as in claim 5, wherein said metal cord comprises having a welded part with a welded part length, wherein the other of the said at least two strands is [[being]] not welded in said welded part, wherein said welded part is [[being]] at least 2.5 times a [[the]] lay length of said metal cord.

7. (Currently Amended) A metal cord as in claim 1, [[said]] wherein an optical cord diameter of said metal cord is ~~metal cord having an optical cord diameter~~ less than 14mm.
8. (Currently Amended) A metal cord as in claim 7, wherein the optical cord diameter of said metal cord ~~is having an optical cord diameter~~ less than 2.5mm.
9. (Currently Amended) A metal cord as in claim 1, wherein an optical strand diameter of said metal strands ~~is having an optical strand diameter~~ less than 5mm.
10. (Currently Amended) A metal cord as in claim 9, wherein the optical strand diameter of said metal strands ~~is having an optical strand diameter~~ less than 0.9mm.
11. (Currently Amended) A metal cord as in claim 1, wherein a diameter of said metal strands comprising metal filaments, said filaments ~~is having a diameter~~ smaller than 1.15mm.
12. (Currently Amended) A metal cord as in claim 11, wherein the diameter of said metal strands comprising metal filaments, said filaments ~~is having a diameter~~ smaller than 0.25mm.
13. (Currently Amended) A metal cord as in claim 1, wherein said metal cord is [[being]] a steel cord.
14. (Currently Amended) A metal cord as in claim 1, wherein the force at rupture of said metal cord in said weld part is at least 50% of the force at rupture of said metal cord away from said weld part ~~said metal cord having a force at rupture of more than 50% of an identical metal cord without a welded strand.~~
15. (Currently Amended) A metal cord as in claim 1, wherein the elongation at rupture of said metal cord in said weld part is at least 80% of the elongation at rupture of said metal

~~cord away from said weld part said metal cord having a elongation at rupture of more than 80% of an identical metal cord without a welded strand.~~

16. (Currently Amended) A reinforced polymer, comprising the metal cord according to claim 1 Use of a metal cord as in claim 1, for reinforcing polymer or rubber belts.
17. (Currently Amended) An elevator belt, comprising the metal cord according to claim 1 Use of a metal cord as in claim 1, in elevator or hoisting belts.
18. (Currently Amended) A timing belt, comprising the metal cord according to claim 1 Use of a metal cord as in claim 1, in timing belts.
19. (Currently Amended) A hoisting cable, comprising the metal cord according to claim 1 Use of a metal cord as in claim 1, as hoisting cable or control cable or window elevator cable.
20. (New) A reinforced rubber belt, comprising the metal cord according to claim 1.
21. (New) A hoisting belt, comprising the metal cord according to claim 1.
22. (New) A control cable, comprising the metal cord according to claim 1.
23. (New) A window elevator cable, comprising the metal cord according to claim 1.
24. (New) A metal cord as in claim 1, wherein all filaments of the interrupted strand in the weld part are interrupted filaments that are welded together.
25. (New) A metal cord as in claim 1, wherein the weld part comprises two strand ends that have been welded together.
26. (New) A metal cord as in claim 25, wherein the two strand ends are welded face to face.
27. (New) A metal cord as in claim 1, wherein a lay length of said strand in said weld part is less than a lay length of said strand away from said weld part.

28. (New) A metal cord as in claim 27, wherein the lay length of said strand in said weld part is less than 75% of the lay length of said strand away from said weld part.
29. (New) A metal cord as in claim 27, wherein the lay length of said strand in said weld part is less than 65% of the lay length of said strand away from said weld part.
30. (New) A metal cord as in claim 27, wherein the lay length of said strand in said weld part is less than 50% of the lay length of said strand away from said weld part.